

Masters Of The Wagon Trail

Set For Columbus 4th Birth Centenary

But two different designs were used by Paraguay for the set of fifteen stamps which it issued for the 400th anniversary of the birth of Christopher Columbus. Seven of them are regulars, eight are airmails.



Shown on the regulars is the Christopher Columbus Lighthouse at Trujillo City, Dominican Republic. Denominations and colors are: 1c green, 2c red, 5c purple, 10c rose, 15c blue, 20c violet and 50c orange.

All the airmails show the urn in which is said to be the remains of Columbus. This reposes at Trujillo city as well. Denominations and colors are: 10c purple, 20c green, 30 magenta, 40c rose, 50c brown, 1G blue, 2G red and 5G maroon.

Copies of the stamps were submitted by the General Stamp Co., New York City.

Barbados Set Has Stamps On Stamps

The topical field of collecting stamps on stamps is handed a very beautiful new set from Barbados.



Illustrated is the 3c value, one of four in a complete set which consists of a 3c, 4c, 12c and 24c stamps. They were issued in Barbados on April 15.

As yet we do not have a list of the colors on this new set but the 3c value is in a blue black color.

Color Change For Australian 6½d

The Australian Postmaster-General's Department announces that on April 9 the current 6½ pence stamp was to be issued in green instead of brown. The design, bearing a profile portrait of the late King George VI, will remain unaltered.

The change has been made in order to avoid confusion with the current 3½ pence value, which is similar in design to the 6½ pence and is printed in reddish brown.

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A Look At Our Neighbors The British West Indies

The area known as the British West Indies consists of the **Bahama Islands, Barbados, Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, the Windward Islands, and the Leeward Islands**, together with the two mainland territories of **British Guiana**, on the north coast of South America, and **British Honduras**, in Central America.

All of these are "Crown Colonies." Their external affairs and their defense are the responsibility of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, while internally they enjoy varying degrees of self-government. Their peoples are British citizens by birth.

The aim of British colonial policy is to guide each of the territories to complete self-government within the Commonwealth. Many tools are needed for this task: knowledge, technical skill, experience, and—of vital importance—money.

Few of the colonies have the sources of revenue to enable them to finance the development, health, and education programs which are necessary for a good standard of living. During the nineteenth century and the early part of the twentieth, the British Government made grants of money to the various territories at intervals.

Since 1929, however, a regular and comprehensive system has been in operation. This system was established by the Colonial Development and Welfare Act of 1929, and was extended by further Acts in 1940 and 1945.

By the 1929 Act, Britain contributed \$24,640,000 to the colonial territories over a period of eleven years. Under the 1940 Act, \$29,400,000 was granted over five years and \$64,880,000 more was approved before the 1945 Act came into force.

In 1945, this sum was increased to \$336,000,000 over the ten-year period 1945-55. Each territory drew up its own plan for using the money, and the plans were then approved by the Colonial Office in London.

Between 1940 and 1950, the British West Indies received approximately 55 million dollars from Colonial Development & Welfare grants. The money was spent in different ways in the various territories, according to their needs. For instance, Jamaica allotted a large sum to agricultural development, British Guiana to the erecting of new

school buildings, British Honduras to new roads, and so on. Of the totals, the largest amount went to Agriculture, followed by Water Supplies, Communications, Education, and Health.

Each of the British West Indian territories has its own way of life and its own problems, and in the past there was little organized cooperation between them. Both economically and politically, however, their interests are interlocking, and for several years now it has been realized that they would stand to gain by some form of closer association.

Many of the islands are small, overpopulated, and poor in natural resources. The mainland territories of British Guiana and British Honduras, on the other hand, are comparatively large and underpopulated, and give scope for further development.

A federation of the whole area, with a single Governor and a central government responsible for communications, trade and industrial development, would almost certainly increase the prosperity of each of the individual units.

Britain, however, has always been convinced that any move toward such a federation must come in the first place from the West Indian people themselves. A definite move was made by them in September 1947, when 22 delegates representing Barbados, British Guiana, British Honduras, Jamaica, the Windward and Leeward Islands, and Trinidad held a conference at Montego Bay, Jamaica, to discuss federation proposals.

All the delegates except those from British Guiana accepted the principle of federation. By January (Continued on page 11)

Russell, Majors & Waddell. Lead Old West In Hazardous Wagon Freighting Business

by Carl P. Rueth

The Pony Express which provided probably one of the most glamorous as well as most hazardous mail services this nation has ever seen is a hallowed by-word in the conversations of stamp collectors. Beginning April 3, 1860 from St. Joseph, Mo. relays of daring riders carried mail to California in a matter of days where formerly weeks must elapse before the steamers, and the transshipment across the isthmus of Panama, could deliver it. This much seems to be common knowledge to all stamp collectors.

But not so well known is the company which sponsored and inaugurated this service and maintained it at a financial loss for the fifteen months which they operated it. It was the firm of Russell, Majors & Waddell.

Recently too, the eyes of the present generation have been directed by a commemorative stamp to Kansas City, Missouri as the Gateway to the West.

Kansas City was not the only jumping off spot nor for that matter could it be considered the most important. Several communities both north and south along the bordering edge of the great plains saw the passing of many emigrants from the eastern states to Indian country—country that was vast, wild and hostile, but country capable of returning a handsome prize to those able to tame it.

Two such towns were Leavenworth, Kansas and Independence, Missouri. The former is some forty odd miles to the northwest and the latter approximately ten miles to the east of Kansas City itself.

Both sustained some of their early fame and growth because at various periods they were the eastern terminals of one of the most famous and successful of the express companies.

This was the firm of Russell, Majors and Waddell.

The three men didn't start right out as a partnership under that easily pronounced and free flowing title. William H. Russell had been associated in the wagon freight firm of Brown and Russell Company which operated out of Kansas City and Lexington, Missouri, the latter town his place of residence.

Russell is said to have directed the first wagon train to make the trip from Kansas City to Santa Fe in the year 1847.

Alexander Majors who lived to be 86 years old had spent 70 of them on the plains. He began his wagon freighting in 1848 from an eastern terminus at Independence to a southwestern at Santa Fe.

His operations over the old Santa Fe trail were sensational for his day, as we will see, because they were marked with several startling innovations. He was a partner with Russell for some time before the organization included Waddell.

William B. Waddell was the last of the trio to enter the picture. He became a member when on December 28, 1854 the three men became bound by contract. But for the first four years of the company's existence Waddell's name did not appear in its official title which was Majors, Russell & Co.

In 1858, the firm became Russell, Majors & Waddell giving full recognition to the silent partner's participation.

Waddell was the proprietor of a store at Lexington as well as the town banker. He was especially known to Russell since on a few occasions he had gone into partnership with him on several freight runs to Santa Fe.

Why he chose to remain a silent partner for the first four years might be answered with the comments Harry Konwiser has made

about the firm in his "American Stamp Collectors Dictionary". Mr. Konwiser writes:

"Why Waddell's name was not used in the partnership until 1858 is not known. Perhaps it was because the firm was to begin operations to Fort Laramie as well as to Santa Fe, and because the northwest route was considered even more hazardous than the more established Santa Fe route. Waddell might have hesitated to let it be known as a banker that he was a partner in such an adventurous undertaking. Bank deposits were not secured in those days and partnership carried full responsibilities for the firm."

Returning to Majors and his methods, the ones which made him famous throughout the world, a short resume of these would be enlightening.

Alexander Majors was not the first freighter to operate on the trail, but he was the first man to develop overland freighting as an industry and to insure to any degree the safety of his goods. His beginning was made auspiciously, some months prior to the discovery of gold in California.

He started in business with a modest outfit of six wagons and forty oxen, which gave him four oxen as "spares" since it took six of them to each wagon. His first run to Santa Fe and back amounting to approximately 1600 miles was made in 92 days.

This was unprecedented at the time, and the fact that Majors brought his oxen in as fat and sleek as when they started gave him a reputation among the traders.

Up to that time it was the general opinion that no man was qualified to drive a team of oxen without a blistering vocabulary of "cuss" words. A teamster was hired more on his reputation for swearing and shooting than for his ability as a driver.

Majors was a religious man and for a long time conscientious scruples stood in the way of his going into the freighting business. He would not employ men who used foul language, nor would he haul freight on Sundays.

As traffic to the west increased a major portion of it fell into the capable and efficient Majors organization. It was this flood of business which caused Majors to think in terms of expansion since it had gotten well beyond the means of one man to handle, and because it needed financing to (Continued on page 11)



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(Editors Note: Mr. Friedman is still unable to submit material for the weekly "Chatter" because of illness. Until such a time as he can, a geographical and political look at the various British Colonies of the West Indies will be made here.)

THE BAHAMA ISLANDS

The Bahamas are a chain of islands 760 miles in length off the east coast of Florida and extending south towards Cuba. They lie between latitudes 20 degrees 50' and 27 degrees 25' N, and between longitudes 72 degrees 37' and 80 degrees 32' W.

Comprised in this chain is an area of approximately 4375 square miles distributed over 700 islands only twenty of which are inhabited. They have a population of about 78,400.

Capital of the group is Nassau on the island of New Providence and mecca for tourists from the United States and other parts of the western world.

Among the most compelling attractions of the Bahamas is its year round equable weather. Since frost is unknown, the winters are delightful, with a moderate quantity of rainfall and lots of cool breezes.

Closest of the islands to the United States mainland are the Biminis which lie about fifty miles off the Florida Coast at Miami. Other of the better known islands are New Providence, Abaco, Harbor Islands, Eleuthera, Inagua, Cat Island, Rum Cay, Exuma, Grand Bahama and Andros.

Most of these are long, narrow and low-lying with rocky ground of coral formation. They support both temperate and tropical zone types of vegetation.

One of the Bahamas, Watling Island, gave Columbus his first glimpse of the new world. The Spaniards made no attempt to colonize and the islands remained uninhabited until the early 17th century when the British began to settle them.

Rights of ownership were granted first to one group of English settlers, then to another until 1717 when jurisdiction over the group passed to the Crown.

The islands were attacked by the Spanish and the French, and in 1776 during the American Revolution Nassau was captured and held briefly by an American fleet. The colony was finally ceded to Britain by the Treaty of Versailles in 1783.

The present constitution (January 1952) provides for a governor, an executive council, a legislative council and a house of assembly.

Executive government is in the hands of the governor under advisement by the executive council. The legislative council and the house of assembly make the laws. Women do not have the voting privilege.

It will probably be of interest to note that the United States sells ten times more to the Bahamas than it purchases from them. Among the chief items exported to U. S. markets were lumber, tomatoes, salt and crawfish.

Things which were purchased from the United States and imported into the Bahamas were foodstuffs, machinery, wines and spirits, consumer goods and gasoline.

Tourists from the U. S. spend approximately as much in the Bahamas as the unfavorable deficit in the import-export picture thereby more or less equalizing the dollar balances between both places.

By an agreement signed between the United States and Britain in 1941, part of Great Exuma Island in the Bahamas was leased to the U. S. for 99 years to be used as a defense base. By a further agreement in July 1950 Britain gave the United States jurisdiction over certain sites in the Bahamas to be used as a proving grounds for guided missiles.

On January 15, 1952 a third agreement was signed extending this proving ground area to include the Turks and Caicos Islands, a dependency of Jamaica.

Betsy Ross Didn't Make It!

by Gertrude Boss

Did the United States ever decide to issue a new stamp that some rumpus was not stirred up over it?

In a recent article published quoting the "Editorial Research Report" we are told most emphatically—"BETSY ROSS DIDN'T MAKE IT".

In fact for almost 100 years nobody said she did, then one day Betsy's adoring grandson, feeling patriotic, took a little more notice of the old flag and came up with his story.

Some say it is but a yarn, now discredited by research workers.

His name was William J. Canby, and he appeared before the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, to present a paper, and set forth his claim to fame because when he was a boy of eleven years, and his grandma was reminiscing, as one expects an 84 year old lady to do, she proudly related to him the visit she had from General George Washington on a hot day in June long ago.

That plumpish tired old lady was then bearing the name of Mrs. John Claypool, for Betsy Ross had "a way with men"; she had in a long life time married three husbands. She was Mrs. John Ross first, wife of a tailor in Philadelphia, and she did help keep the wolf from the door by assisting John and doing sewing of various sorts.

She may have been one of the local women, who produced those famous twenty silk banners, for companies of Colonials, using the beautiful heraldic designs Ben Franklin had copied while in France. These preceded the U. S. flag.

After John's death she shortened the usual twelve months period of mourning and before the end of the year was married to Joseph Ashburn. He passed away abroad, and his best pal came sailing home to break the news to Elizabeth and to comfort her in her sorrows.

He did—he married her. Thus Betsy became Mrs. John Claypool.

The first newspaper to carry the story told by grandson Billy was the Philadelphia Press in 1870, then in 1873 a magazine repeated it, in an enlarged form, with the result that in 1885 a publisher of school books thought it too good a fable to overlook.

Billy had related how Grandma had sewed together various pieces of cloth using as a design a sketch Mr. Washington took from his pocket. More myths have been fabricated about those bits of cloth.

Were they strips from an old red petticoat of flannel? No respecting matron would dare not have worn one then, perhaps not because they were unrevealing, but were so useful in combatting the onslaught of wintry winds.

Was the blue from an old sea shirt? Heaven alone may reveal how many fantastic tales were rife to account for the white stripes.

Many historians have gone so far as to attempt to disprove that the design of our flag was copied from the coat of arms of the Washington family of England. They consider the similarity a coincidence.

Betsy lived in an old home, two story, a shop on the ground floor. It had been built in 1700 and fell into disrepair til in 1936, a well known radio producer of a decade or two ago, Atwater Kent contributed a large sum of money for its restoration. It is open to the public as a shrine, and each flag day in June there is an anniversary program presented on the property to pay fitting tribute to the birthday of our flag.

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In the election of 1852, the people had a choice of two generals—Winfield Scott, Whig, or Pierce, Democrat—and they hoped that they had picked the lesser of two military evils when they elected Franklin Pierce as President of the U. S. It was said that his friend Nathaniel Hawthorne wrote his campaign literature, and was awarded with an office in thanks for his efforts.

In his high office, Pierce was dubbed "A Northern man with Southern principles." He appealed to the South for his attitude on the slave questions, and as champion of religious liberty he became a favorite son of the Irish members of the early Tammany Hall.

His attempt to extend slavery into the Kansas territory brought down upon his head the wrath of the free-staters, but his administration settled the Mexican boundary dispute by the Gadsden Purchase—his Congress repealed the Missouri Compromise—and he rejected the pleas of his ministers in Britain, France and Spain to annex Cuba as a state of the Union.

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An enclosure of medium weight should be placed in each envelope to obtain better impression of cachet and postmark, and to prevent damage to cover or canceling machine.

No provision will be made for point to point covers. However, at request of collectors, covers receiving cachet will be given directional service only to an office designated by the General Superintendent, Postal Transportation Service, and served by the first flight in each direction, and will there be backstamped and dispatched onward to destination.

Three Day Topical Show At Johnstown

Johnstown, Pa. collectors are leaving little to chance in the preparations they are making for the first International Topical Exhibition in their city June 20 to 22. All activities are to be centered in the Fort Stanwix Hotel.

For three days the members of the American Topical Association will meet in convention and display their stamps in the various topical categories. Substantial trophies and awards will go to the winning exhibits of what is expected to be a keenly competitive show.

The Pan American Union, Washington, D. C. has prepared a special display of topicals issued by the various member nations of the "Union" for the Johnstown TOPEX. The French Government will also participate with a presentation of topicals, while the United States Post Office Department will both exhibit and maintain a philatelic agency.

June 20, the first day, will be "Railroad Day" with a visit from Mrs. Casey Jones wife of the engineer of song and stamp fame, and Sim Webb, Casey's fireman. June 21 is Pan American Day, and June 22 Hawaiian Day with visitors to the show receiving either a Hawaiian lei or a Vanda orchid.

Homer L. Jones, 1344 Franklin St., Johnstown, Pa. is general chairman.

Charity Seal Club Begins 21st Year

Twenty-one years ago a group of collectors interested in Christmas and Charity seals met to form a society. That was in 1931. The subsequent organization became known as the Christmas and Charity Stamp Society.

Presently members are to be found in every state and in twelve foreign countries. With their full cooperation a seal catalog was first produced in 1937, revised and reissued in 1947 and again revised and issued in 1952.

In its 21 years the club has had only four presidents of which J. L. Coopder, Central High School, Evansville 8, Ind. is the current one.

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The World Of Stamps

by Janet van den Berg

Publishers of the well-known Commonwealth Catalogue covering the stamps of George VI's reign announce that the work will be continued, embracing issues of the new reign as well.

British collectors and dealers are assuming as a matter of course that mourning stamps will be issued for the entire empire—hundreds and hundreds of stamps. They are praying that there won't be any £1 denominations this time though the American sucker market would doubtless absorb a good many, and are also hoping that there won't be too much monkey business involving a few sheets only of old printings, cancellation to order, etc.

One of the four known copies of that great British rarity, the 6 penny Edward VII overprinted "I.R. OFFICIAL", will shortly be offered for sale at auction by Robson Lowe. It showed up in a Spanish collection and will undoubtedly fetch a king's ransom. Two American dealers are said to be planning to attend the sale to bid on it for two of their clients. In that event, watch the sparks fly! Dollars to doughnuts it will leave the home land just the way that British Guiana ugly did a generation ago. I imagine that, on this great occasion, Robbie himself will wield the hammer rather than turning it over to Ethel, Gwen or Annabelle.

Startling but true considering the late leaks in Australian post office department circles—thus far, at least, none of the projected but not issued Royal Tour stamps have reached trade channels. Such items are always ordered incinerated but, over and over again in the cases of various colonies in recent years, small quantities have showed up and have been openly offered by London dealers. Australian leaks have been scandalously frequent and dealers have been openly wondering who'll be advertising the Royal Tours first. Collectors should lay off—they'd be stolen property, just like the unused U.S.A. Postal Savings stamps whose appearance in stamp shops created such a scandal a generation ago.

The Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa has just issued its **Handbook-Catalogue of the Stamps of the Union of South Africa**. It runs 250-odd pages, is printed on art paper, is profusely illustrated and is certain to become a standard reference work. The price is 23 shillings 6 pence postpaid. Address the Federation Secretary at Box 375, Johannesburg, U.S. Af.

Several used British Colonial new issue services are operating in England. Stamps, largely received on bank mail, are supplied in sets at 15% over face as they accumulate.

Speaking of forgeries, now that colored reproductions of demonetized stamps are permitted to reach our shores under a recent Treasury ruling involving the super-deluxe volume covering the late George VI's collection, forgeries of demonetized stamps, which are in reality nothing but colored reproductions, are almost certain to be given a clean bill of health by Treasury officials. They are, of course, wonderful reference material and have been legally bought and sold as such throughout the world for years until a Treasury ruling some time ago raised doubts on the matter in the U.S.A. Here is a chance for some able collector-lawyer to do the hobby a good turn—get a rehearing on the matter under this latest ruling. It has been widely held that the Treasury interpretation on forgeries of long since dead countries' issues and

demonetized foreign items would not stand court action but no one wanted to make himself a guinea pig. With this new ruling, no one would have to.

How come all those unused USA 1911 Postal Savings Officials 1c-\$1 and the unused corresponding postal stationery on the market? Such things were never on sale and their presence anywhere bespeaks some funny work somewhere some years back.

Donald W. Martin Called By Death

Donald W. Martin, 61, a veteran and prominent collector of Cleveland Heights, Ohio died suddenly from a cerebral hemorrhage on April 3. A past president and life member of Garfield-Perry Stamp Club for over 26 years, he was also a life member of the A.P.S., a member of the Collectors Club of New York and one of the founders of the American Philatelic Congress.

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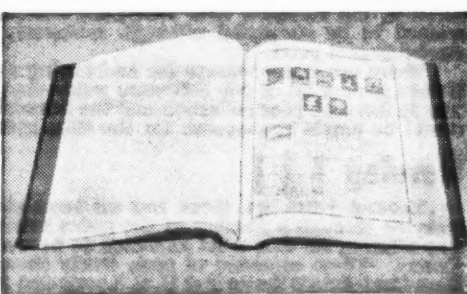
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The Good Old Days

Few of you who collect stamps today remember the "good old days", those days back around the turn of the century when it was possible to buy an album that would hold all of the stamps of the world for a five dollar bill and a complete catalogue of them for less than a dollar. Yes you could also carry it all in your hands too without much effort if you wanted to show your collection at the club.

Today it takes a wealthy man to nonchalantly spend enough money for a set of albums for all stamps and it is no mean piece of change that one has to lay out for the annual catalogues.

Of course no sane man would think of buying all the albums necessary for all of the stamps as it would be physically impossible for him to fill them if he could obtain the stamps.

The nicest thing about the good old days was the method of accumulating one's collection. I often remember of my father telling of his early days in the newspaper business. Dad ran a weekly newspaper at Versailles, Ohio back in the 70's, later he went to Greenville, Ohio and there with a Mr. Brown started the present Democratic Advocate which is still the leading newspaper of Darke County, Ohio. Some great men were born there also, as Lowell Thomas. Incidentally that was where I was born.

What I wanted to get at however was that newspaper editors back in those days always ate well. Reason for this is that the people in the rural sections had to make their own living and raise their own crops and food stuff. The Government did not keep so many of them as it does today and as a result they frequently were short on cash but long on butter, eggs and pumpkins so they took some of their surplus stuff and traded it with the editor of the weekly newspaper for their annual subscription. In this means both were happy. It was just like the Indians did with the colonists in the early days when the Indians showed the colonists tobacco and then traded it for beads and trinkets.

In the good old days of stamp collecting everybody collected everything. As a result if you went to your stamp club meeting or visited with another collector you carried along your duplicates and you could always find a trade, either stamp for stamp or catalog value for catalog value.

Under such a plan one's collection would grow and grow and without the need for so much money. It was a splendid plan and is a plan that still has possibilities for present day use but I am inclined to believe that the reason it is not used more today is because the average collector is too darn lazy to take the time to do the necessary work incident to such an exchange.

I have been doing some of it lately and expect to do more in the future. It has a lot of advantages. You get what you want for something you do not want or have tired of. The other fellow gets something he wants for the same reasons and both parties are happy. Such exchange creates friendships and brings about acquaintances that you would never have under ordinary circumstances.

Over in England there are a great many exchange clubs run in much the same manner as are the sales departments in our big societies, but somehow over here such exchange clubs have never seemed to be successful although numerous of them have been started in past years.

There are many reasons for exchanging stamps and if more of it were done a lot of you collectors would find it a very fascinating way to increase your collection and the friendships you would make would be ample recompense for the time spent.

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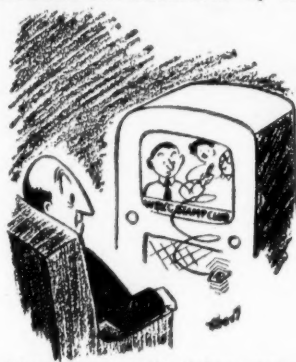
Several years ago there was an eccentric old gentleman who traveled through a number of the states south of the Mason-Dixon line offering for sale what appeared to be very desirable old U. S. Covers. These consisted of such lovely items as St. Louis Bears, Rare Confederate Issues and U. S. Locals and Provisional issues. To inexperienced people the covers looked very fine and at the prices offered seemed to be great bargains with the result that many people bought and in later years were disillusioned by finding out that the covers were all fakes.

It is believed that the party offering these was caught later and put in prison for a term of years. Now we have offered us from Portsmouth, Ohio, more such old covers and from what is described as an eccentric old man. It is our hunch that this same party may be operating again and this warning is issued in event such material may come to your notice. The party who contacted us is an inexperienced collector in Portsmouth, wholly innocent of any connection with these covers. In returning the covers submitted to us we have recommended that he place the matter in the hands of the local postmaster.

Harry Is All Mixed Up

When Brother Harry Lindquist started his magazine away back in the early 30's he proudly named it "STAMPS" and he added to that name by calling it "The Magazine of Philately". It was a magazine too as we understand magazines and we still think it is a magazine, but Harry seems to have lost faith in it and now he is calling it a NEWSPAPER as note the big bold word at the lower margin of the front cover. He also has this word printed on the mailing wrappers so everyone will see it and know that it is a NEWSPAPER. Just why he wants to get down to our level is something he will have to explain, can it be because our paper has grown by such leaps and bounds in the past few years? Harry of course will not come out in his paper and tell you why this is done because he has gone to such lengths to cultivate friendship in the P.O.D., but the real reason behind all this monkey business is that Harry has been getting so many complaints about poor delivery of his paper that it has been worrying him. He is not apt to lose any hair over such worry but he might be losing a few pounds, and that

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The articles to be considered may be on any subject, as long as they deal with stamps, postal history, stamp collecting. Persons desiring to enter the contest will be asked to submit clippings of their work at a date to be announced later. The clippings may be from any periodical—newspaper, stamp magazine, trade journal, etc., and while this award is intended to encourage younger writers, no limit will be placed upon the age of the author who wishes to enter.

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Haska President Of Polonus Society

The Polonus Philatelic Society of Chicago which has an international membership of collectors interested in the stamps of Poland, recently elected the following officers.

President Leo Haska; vice president John Bobo; secretary Edward C. Hopps, 2246 Medill Ave., Chicago 47, Ill.; assistant secretary Robert Sobel and treasurer Jack Domar.

Collectors Club Literature Awards

The Collectors Club annually makes awards for the best article published in the Collectors Club Philatelist. Those for articles published in 1951 have been announced and bestowed. A committee of three, consisting of Sidney F. Barrett as chairman, Paul P. Lindenberg and William R. Rankin, judged the material printed in the magazine during 1951, eliminating from consideration articles by members of the editorial board or by previous medal winners.

For 1951, the Collectors Club medal, for the best article was unanimously awarded to F. G. Larsen, on the merits of his article "Colombia—The First Two Issues."

Three certificates of equal merit were granted also to F. E. Sellmansberger for his article "Great Britain: The Rotogravure Varieties"; to Eric Hallar for his article "Sweden: The Pre-Adhesive Postal History and Covers"; and to H. B. Clarke, for his article "Wei Hai Wei."

The Collectors Club Philatelist does not limit its material to articles by members, nor is membership a requirement for winning an award. However, circulation of the Collectors Club Philatelist is almost entirely to the club membership of around 1000. The non-resident membership, for those living more than 35 miles from the clubhouse in New York, is the same as the non-member subscription rate for The Collectors Club Philatelist.

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Letters And No Name!

Several dealers have called our attention to an unusual situation. Recently we called this to the readers' attention and again for the sake of avoiding continual complaints we reiterate our remarks.

When ordering anything from anyone you should always be sure that you have included your name, address, city and state. This will assist many dealers in filling your orders promptly. It would be better in all cases, if at all possible, when writing, to end your letter with a printed name, address, city and state to clarify any doubt in case your handwriting is slightly illegible.

To just sign your name as "Ken", "Tom" and so forth leaves one with a complete doubt as to what to do with the money. There is no alternative for the dealer other than to hold the money until a complaint is registered. The readers should be careful when sending their orders in to make them as clear as possible.

While on the subject, also, please allow sufficient time of up to three months on overseas orders. The overseas shippers are sending orders by surface mail which can and does take as much as three months to arrive. This is due to the slowness of surface mail. The overseas shippers will not ship your order airmail just because you ordered by airmail. They can not do so at the prices quoted in most cases. Therefore all complaints should be withheld until sufficient time has elapsed.

As an example, Price & Co., Dublin, Ireland have an order from a person in the United States simply signed Ken to the amount of \$10.35—no other identification. Ken is requested to make his last name and address known to Price & Co. at once so that his order can be mailed.

may worry him also. The facts of the case are that under Postal Rules, Newspapers are supposed to get better handling and better delivery service in the mails than do Magazines so to get rid of the complaints Harry is trying to fool the Postal clerks by printing the word Newspaper on the front of his Magazine and on his wrappers.

We looked in Webster but Webster makes no distinction between the two, but the P. O. D. does and whether Harry can get away with it is a question we can not answer. Maybe if he would take out that line which reads "The Magazine of Philately", the P. O. D. might be fooled into believing after all, that it is nothing else but an old newspaper. Oh yes, also leave the wire staples out Harry as newspapers do not use them.

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Collectors in the Dunkirk, N. Y. area should be pleased to know that there was recently organized the Dunkirk Stamp Club which now meets regularly at the Dunkirk Free Library on the second Wednesday and fourth Thursday. More than twenty persons became members at the organization meeting in March. Plans are now afoot to interest juniors in stamps and membership in the group.

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By CARL P. RUETH

The April 1952 edition of the "American Philatelist", official organ of the American Philatelic Society, carries a sketch of a proposed flag stamp to mark the 175th anniversary of the United States Flag on June 14 this year. Drawn by Lee Fergus of Glen Ellyn, Ill. it is about as keen a design for such an issue as I have seen in many years. With a minimum of inscription, it pictures the flag flying over an outline map of the United States. In red and blue, and it should be printed in no other colors, or any one color, it would be a honey.

Of course the Post Office Department feels that it has probably taken care of this request with the Betsy Ross commem, a very poor effort at best.

If we are to have a flag stamp at any time in the future, I believe that all of us who are so interested in such an issue would prefer it in two colors than some of the one color jobs (and oh what colors) the POD has produced.

People who claim that they do not want to see the United States flag desecrated by having it postmarked are certainly grasping at straws to put up a patriotic front. The effort they put into voicing such silly talk would be better used in helping themselves and their neighbors become better citizens.

1. When was the last issue in more than one color?
2. What stamp design pictures the United States flag blowing in one direction and a column of smoke less than 100 feet away blowing in the other?

When first announced, there was no color given for the Grand Coulee commem. The POD has just made it known that it will appear in green.

On March 31 West Peterboro, N. H. went out of existence, postally, and not physically, and to take its place West Peterborough, N. H. came into existence. As you will note all it amounts to is a different spelling of the name of the town.

Harry M. Wight of East Braintree, Mass. fixed up a cover to catch both the last day of the old spelling and the first of the new. This has been done before in many instances, but I cite this as just an example of how you folks can add items of postal history to your collections without too much expense or effort.

Such changes and other data of a like nature are reported regularly in the Postal Bulletin issued twice a week by the Post Office Department. Any one can subscribe to it. Details are available from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

According to Maj. James T. DeVoss stamp editor of the Honolulu Advertiser, Honolulu, Hawaii there was a total of 144,288 of the new 80c airmail stamps sold on the first day of issue there on March 26.

There were 89,864 first day covers cancelled, for a new record of a high value stamp, according to DeVoss.

Hershel E. Rankin, Memphis, Tenn. publisher and editor of The Transit Postmark, has gathered some figures which might be of interest to collectors. They show the magnitude of Post Office Department operations.

On January 1, 1952 there were 41,025 post offices in the United States which is 343 fewer than a year ago.

Of that amount, 19,407 are small fourth class post office; 12,819 are third class; 5,954 are second class, and 2,845 are first class. There are also 32,582 rural routes.

In 1920, a little over thirty years

ago, there were approximately 56,000 post offices of all classes. Subtraction will show that in three decades about 15,000 of these have been closed.

The latter fact seems to be rather strange in view of the constant increase of the population and communities. While some towns went out of existence for one reason or another that wouldn't account for the 500 per year loss. Could be that a number of post offices were in places that didn't have enough business to rightfully support such service.

Perhaps it isn't known to all, but the class a post office is graded depends on the dollar volume of business it does. The salary of the postmaster is set on this business as well as the additional money he is allowed for help.

The exception is the real large first class offices where a definite salary is established for the postmaster and not fixed according to income.

There are many small post offices throughout the United States that do not take in from the sale of stamps and other postal services enough money to pay salaries of the postmasters. Such "in the red" offices are carried by the profits from the larger mail mills, but even so, the Department eliminates them when possible.

The folks in the small towns with the unprofitable p.o.'s like a decent mail service too, like their brethren in the cities, but neither of them have been getting it lately. Ha!

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The black 20c special delivery is giving some people a hard way to go. Biggest problem seems to be distinguishing between the old flat plate and the current rotary press item. Since both from the front are identical, how is it done?

One way is to measure the perfs with a good perforation gauge, one that if the stamp is on cover will make it possible to measure it there, too. The flat is perfed 11 all round, the rotary 11 x 10 1/2.

The rotary on the back has the wide raised "ridges", about two or three across the stamp, known as gum breakers. The flat plate is flat without the ridges. These identifications hold for mint copies.

On about 99% of the flat plates, mint or used, you will be able to see an offset of the design on the back of the stamp.

I learn from Claude Erbsen of New York City that in places where they have had large batches of the flat 20c special around for years and years because of little call for them, the darn things lack enough stickum to keep them on the job—which job is carrying the mail.

Timothy Larason of Fargo, Okla., says that Oklahoma City and Woodward, Okla. are using the Defense Bond Flag City slogans. Those of you who are following this field need but send your prepared covers or cards to the respective postmaster with your requests for an impression of it.

Now and again comes the news from a reader that he has one of the government postal cards with the imprinted stamp inverted—plus the query, "Is this a rarity, and does it have extra values?"

All that card with the inverted stamp indicates is that some philatelic stamp was busy with a full sheet of them.

You see, these are sold at post offices in uncut sheets of 40 cards. The idea is that where firms have a large quantity to be printed with a message it is cheaper and quicker to do it forty at a time on a printing press than one at a time. So the Post Office Department produces a quantity in such uncut sheets. They are easily

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TRENDS

As I have mentioned perhaps too often in the past few months about precancelled envelopes I hesitate to report another trend. It is the PRINTED DATED field. I cannot honestly say that I think a lot of collectors will follow it because it does not have the qualities that go to make up a popular field.

One reason is that PRINTED DATEDS are on the decline, their peak possibly being reached two or three years ago. The other is, oddly enough, that too many of the stamps and types are extremely scarce and rare. No collector will be readily attracted to such a field.

Of course there are quantities of the MW dateds but aside from that common and medium scarce items are far too few. For the collector who likes to dig and hunt and write letters and can be satisfied with an item or two a week this is the field. It's really virgin.

Efforts are being made now to at least compile and publish lists that will be a great help but it is doubtful if a priced standard catalog will ever be published. You have no doubt noticed the ad recently in LINN'S for such a listing as I mentioned above.

While at a recent Exhibition and Bourse at Canton, Ohio I was approached by several collectors for these Dated precancels. Of course I did not have any. There where some State Tax stamps Dated and cancelled in OHIO and some collectors are starting on these. Many are the ramifications of the Precancel Dated field.

Another thing that some of the Dated collectors have to worry about. They say "PRINTED DATEDS" and then have a hard time to limit or say where they will stop. Because most of the Dating although done on printing presses some is also accomplished on Multigraphs and on Mimeographs. It's these last two that worry some collectors. Are these printed or not?

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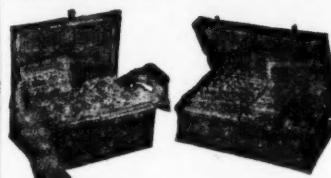
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Miniature Masterpieces

The 1902-03 Ordinary Postage Stamp Series

by H. M. Brehm

I have talked to, written to and consulted with philatelists, artists, etchers, engravers and critics about this set of 15 U. S. postage stamps for many years, and the sum total of their opinions is that they are little miniature works of art, each within its own frame.

Of course, they were produced in a slower era of living and politics, when most things were still permitted "to make their time," as an old lady used to inform me when her aches and pains did not disappear too rapidly.

This set of stamps was probably in the hands of researchers, designers, lay-out men and engravers for a period of at least five years, as it was intended to replace the previous ordinary issue of 1894.

How different from the year 1948, when political necessity in an election year required the Bureau to turn out 29 stamps, or about one every 13 days on the average. As Arthur Godfrey would say: "You can smell the difference."

Well, let's see what we can learn about the stamps pictured above; the quotes are statements from the official stamp booklet of our Post Office Department:

1c green: — BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, usually glorified as the first Postmaster General of our colonies, was also, as a younger man with an inquisitive mind, the person who flew his kite high into a thunderstorm and received the shock of his life from a bolt of lightning which traveled down to him via a wet string. Thus perhaps the first noted conception of nature's electricity was received by man on earth. So, appropriately, his portrait on the stamp is "flanked by two nude childish figures . . . each holding aloft an electric light bulb."

2c red: — GEORGE WASHINGTON, plantation-owner, gentleman-farmer, brewery-owner, man-about-town, soldier, general, statesman, hero of the Revolution and 1st President of the U. S. The portrait is by Gilbert Stuart "on each side of which a United States flag falls."

2c (revised), red: — GEORGE WASHINGTON, same man, same portrait, slightly enlarged. After

flags floating behind their heads." **6c magenta: — JAMES A. GARFIELD**, struggled through a childhood of poverty, fought with the Union Army and was made brigadier-general by President Lincoln; elected to Congress and re-elected six times.

Elected 20th President of the U. S. as a compromise candidate of the Republicans during a feud period, he was shot after three months in office and died a lingering martyr's death.

As he did not have time to do anything exceptional, his portrait on the stamp has "on each side a fluted pilaster midway of which is a fancy tablet."

8c dark lilac: — MARTHA WASHINGTON, who seems always pictured in a dainty lace cap, was the charming widow Custis when she married her George, and she brought into the marriage two young children of her own and sufficient money so that her husband really did not have to worry or apply for relief for them, while he was alternately praying and freezing at Valley Forge.

"Her face is after the painting by Stuart and is bordered by laurel wreaths on the sides, leaving an unconnected space above."

10c light brown: — NOAH WEBSTER, the erudite gentleman who prepared and promulgated that book of better American learning, understanding and spelling, the Webster's dictionary (gosh, hope I used the right words—got them right out of his book).

Let's see with what his portrait is surrounded:

"The ornamental frame consists principally of lateral fascies with battle-axes projecting from their tops, edges outward."

13c dark slate: — BENJAMIN HARRISON, lawyer, Civil War veteran, lawyer again, U. S. senator. Elected 23rd President of the U. S. as a Republican, he was preceded and succeeded by Grover Cleveland, a Democrat.

About the stamp: "Resting on each side of the portrait is a semi-nude female figure, the lower limbs being draped. That on the right holds a mallet in her right hand while the left rests on a carved head. That on the left supports with her right hand a book resting on her knee."

15c olive: — HENRY CLAY, after only three years of book-learning in a country school, became, successively, court attendant, lawyer, congressman, speaker, senator, negotiator of peace in Ghent, defeated candidate for president, secretary of state and author of the Compromise of 1850, intended to avoid Civil war.

The border around his portrait "consists essentially of portions of an oak wreath showing on the sides."

50c orange: — THOMAS JEFFERSON, ardent student of the classics and the sciences, a fine musician and horseman, he was defeated for office twice before he finally became 3rd President of the U. S. He was then and is today revered as one of the greatest champions of democracy.

His portrait is another by Stuart, "the upper corners of the border are filled with foliate ornaments; perched eagles with their beaks outward fill the lower corners."

\$1 black: — DAVID G. FARRAGUT, though raised south of the Mason-Dixon line remained loyal to the Union during the Civil War and commanded the squadron which captured New Orleans. (Continued on page 7)

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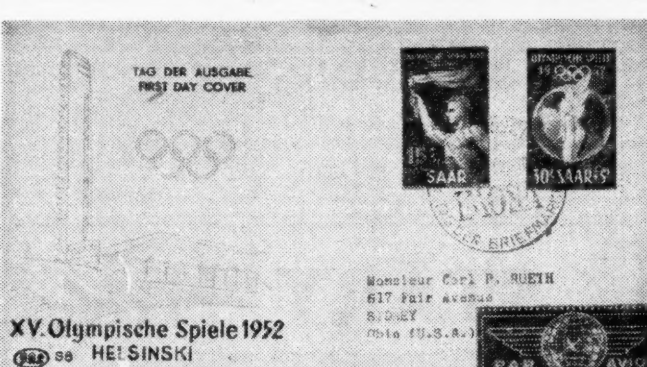
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Sport Set Of Six; Trieste B-Zone

B-Zone Trieste has issued a set of Sports stamps to coincide with the Sports Show held in Rome. The information comes from P. Ostrow, Elizabeth, N. J. The set consists of six denominations, printed horizontally in sheets of 50 subjects. The designs are stark in their simplicity, consisting of a central design, denomination of value and the identifying inscription "STT-VUJA" "Military Administration of the Free Territory of Trieste". The 5 dinar stamp is bistre and depicts a trio of bicycle racers. The 10d emerald green shows a basketball game in progress. The 15d rose shows a racing crew, the 28d blue shows three sailboats racing before the wind. A 50d brownish rose depicts a soccer game. The high value of the set, the 100d slate blue shows a high diver.

The entire set of six values was issued March 26. Mr. Ostrow also reports that the Italian Sports stamp, which he previously forecast, was issued on March 26. This stamp is in direct commemoration of the International Exhibition of Sport Philately which was held in Rome from March 19 to March 30 under the auspices of the Italian section of the International Olympics Committee. The stamp as finally selected shows a statue of a Roman athlete, with the allegorical figure of Tevere in the background. It is brown and bluish gray in color, is printed in sheets of 70, with an ornamental corner block to each sheet, and will be valid through December 31.

Important Articles In COROS Chronicle

The next issue of the COROS Chronicle will be the year book issue and will give the names and addresses of all members of the COLLECTORS OF RELIGION ON STAMPS Society. Also, this issue will contain articles:—Lubeck Church Rededicated, Bulgaria's Ancient Shrine, and Saar Honors Protestant Leaders, by Winfield J. Hains. The Vatican City Stamps for the 15th Century of the Council of Chalcedon, and Father Marcos de Niza on the USA No. 357, by Rev. A. S. Horn. An outline of Subject Stamps that can be used to illustrate Sunday School lessons by Joseph Ross of Scotland. Religions Martyrs on Stamps by Harold D. Bearce. Complete American Notes on the Holy House of Loreto by Rev. E. W. Szalay. An article concerning the honoring of the Rev. Arthur Herbert of East Orange, New Jersey by Cuba. This is the only Society devoted entirely to the subject of Religion on Stamps. Any one desiring a copy may secure it by writing John A. Gaydos, 1437 Gregory St., Chicago, Ill. inclosing 25c for each copy plus a self addressed No. 10 stamped envelope.

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AFGHANISTAN—The four UN stamps have been reported as released.

CHILE — Queen Isabella the Catholic is portrayed on the new 60c blue and \$10 maroon postage stamps received by the Tribune Stamp Company.

COSTA RICA — Five airmail stamps showing Queen Isabella and the Columbus caravel, have been reported. Values are 15, 20, 25 and 55c and 2 Colonos.

CUBA — Postage, airmail and special delivery surcharges on the 2c brown "Figueredo" issue have been noted. The postage stamp is a 10c (green) on 2c and the special delivery is a 10c (purple) on 2c.

The Airmails, all on the same stamp, are the 5c (blue), 8c. (carmine), 10c (blue), 25c (purple), 50c (carmine) and \$1. (blue).

ECUADOR — President Truman's decision not to seek office again and Ecuador's stamps and souvenir sheet honoring the visit of its President Gala Plaza, were close to simultaneous. The 3 Sucres airmail will show Presidents Plaza and Truman, while the 5 Sucres pictures President Plaza addressing the United States Congress. The sheets will bear one of each value and will be limited to 10,000 copies.

GERMANY—Both the Eastern and Western Zones have issued stamps to mark the 125th anniversary of the death of Ludwig Van Beethoven, according to Ernest Rietschel. The Western Zone released one stamp, a 30pf. value featuring a death mask of the composer.

The eastern zone released 12pf. blue and 24pf. gray and brown-violet, stamps, with portrait and profile, respectively. It is also noted that the 5, 30 and 40 pf. values of the "Liberty

MINIATURE MASTERPIECES (Continued from page 6)

He was probably the first man to be promoted to the rank of full admiral in our navy (or was he not?—the first man; I know he was promoted).

"Above his portrait in the upper corners appear the dollar sign and denomination. A marine holding a musket sits in the lower left-hand corner and a sailor supporting a boat-hook in the right."

\$2 steel blue—JAMES MADISON, principal drafter of the Constitution, 4th President of the U.S. (during the war of 1812). With Thomas Jefferson he formed the Republican party about 1797, which later became known as the Democratic party about 1828; remember that when you sit down to your next \$100 Jefferson-Jackson political dinner, my friend.

The portrait is again by Stuart "looking from a circular opening. The border is noticeable from the sprays of palm on the sides, the stems extending behind sharp-pointed shields..."

\$5 dark green—JOHN MARSHALL, as Chief Justice of the U.S. for 34 years, did much with his legal and official opinion to back up our early Presidents and aid them in establishing that well-known "domestic tranquility and common defense" of the Constitution.

About his portrait "architectural design predominates the border; fluted columns form the sides...above which rest mythological heads of Liberty and Justice facing each other..."

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This culprit adorns the left side of the cover and the identical fellow (on a smaller scale) ties the adhesive to cover beside the postmark. Postmaster Vivian W. Mokler tells me in a letter dated November 10, 1950, "We had an artist fix this up for us some years ago and have been using it on our stationery. However we had cuts made similar to the larger devil but on a smaller scale which we use on covers."



Speaking of the Diablo, (Calif.) which means devil, cachet, Postmaster Helen Cooper informs me that her late husband had a "grinning" devil's face made years ago which Helen uses. This smiling devil's face has been seen as a cancellation and as a cachet on United States 20th century stamps and covers.



Another intriguing and amusing cancellation is from the obsolete HELLCATE, WASH. A large full figure of a red DEVIL dancing over United States stamps is "sumptuous". He ties the stamps very nicely to cover by his antics and on a registered cover dated September 19, 1930.

The recently published Herst-Zareski book on 19th century fancy cancellations informs us that the Brattleboro, Vt. devil and pitchfork appeared in 1861 on the 3c issue of that period.

My files tell me that at a Robert A. Seigel auction the 19th century West Meridian "Devil and pitchfork" brought a stunning price.

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Two issues that have stood up well in a declining market are the Bicent series and the White Plains Miniature sheet.

Reversing the usual comparison of a low quote in 1952 against a high figure in 1948, you will note that in April 1948 our bulletin reflected a Bid of \$145.00 and \$175.00 Ask for the Bi-Cents. Currently the same issue is reflected with a \$160.00 Bid and "none" Ask.

This Bid has been standing for the past several months, and the only set to be offered in this time was so poor it had to be sold in a box ad in the neighborhood of \$140.00.

A superb set of Bicent sheets is not an easy item to come by, and apparently the supply is more limited than most imagine, as evidenced by the continued appearance of a "none" in the Ask column.

Anyone who invested 50c in a White Plains Miniature pane in 1926 could do spectacularly well by doing nothing with his property except watch it double his investment every few years. By 1946 the pane hit its high of \$16.50 Bid, and a superb sheet commonly retailed for \$25.00.

In the face of dropping prices the White Plains sheet held up very well, dropping only 50c or so at a time. Our present quotation of \$13.00 Bid and \$15.00 Ask is not too far from its peak figure, and certainly there is little reason to doubt that it will be among the first issues to move ahead when the next price rise becomes general.

We do not intend to give a complete resume of every price change that develops between columns (write to our office about the Quotation Bulletin), but we will try to note the more interesting highlights.

In this category you will note that the sheet of 16c Special Delivery Air-mail (commonly known at Sc# 771) is now Bid at \$100.00, with "none" in Ask column. While the entire Farley series has been subject to sensational ups and downs since quotations were first carried by the Brokerage, this sheet has probably been the most spectacular. There is no reason why we should limit ourselves to comparisons to the 1948 period from which we took off last issue.

For those who like their statistics let's go back to December 1936, one year after the Farleys made their appearance. This 16c AMSD sheet was Bid @ \$142.00, with none offered.

December 1937 found the issue down to the \$101-\$125 Bid-Ask level and by April 1942 the item

hit its low with a \$45 Bid and \$50 Ask. Slowly the sheet climbed back with the improved market and in April 1946 it had returned to a \$150 Bid with again none offered.

The second peak was reached in October the same year when Bids hit \$190 and Ask was \$230.00. Equally spectacular was the spiral in reverse that soon developed

and found the same sheet quoted \$105-\$130 in April 1950, exactly where it traded in July 1937.

The next low was only recently reached this past January with an \$87.50-\$100 quotation, which brings us right up to the current \$100 Bid now reflected.

If this type of analysis is of interest we'll be glad to dip back into our complete MSB files and

report similarly on some other issues in the future.

—Warren W. Scholl

A small lake filled with Victoria Regia Lillies can be seen on a stamp of British Guiana.

Natives sending logs over a waterfall are shown on a British Guiana stamp.

START HIM RIGHT

Do not let the young fellow you know get a wrong start in his activity of stamp collecting. Too many are discouraged by envelopes filled with stamps listed in the catalogues at 2c and up each, and as plentiful as sand on the seashore. Such things make the youngsters wonder what it is all about. Books with hundreds of spaces for stamps and pictures of some of them mislead the youth.

The object is not just to Buy stamps and stick them in a book. The object should be to learn from your stamps, find an interest in a few, get the story they tell you and then follow it up to other things you can learn from your stamps. Most dealers' cheap albums mislead the youth into wanting a lot of stamps to stick in the album spaces.

This STAMPS OF THE WORLD Album is built different. It has space for certain definite stamps which any youngster can obtain with a bit of effort. It is different in filling this album, one has to have some common sense, some knowledge and use some effort, it is not merely a question of buying a thousand cheap stamps for a dollar and licking the hinges and pasting them in spaces in an album. In this album the youth has to definitely select every stamp that goes into the album, yet these stamps are all available to any young collector with a bit of effort on his part. When he has completed the album he has definitely learned much that will be of interest and value to him. It is a liberal education in stamp collecting. Even you would enjoy trying to fill one of these albums.

Do not let the boys start wrong, give them one of these albums and see them enjoy it. You could make a lot of youngsters happy by using a lot of these albums for a Boy Scout Group or some other Youth Activity. The cost is so little that you can well afford to help the young collector get started right. We urge you to get a sample of this book that is designed for youth and study it. You will see the possibilities of holding the interest of the young collector, you will want to give copies to all your young friends. Get them started right.

We illustrate the album so you may see what an attractive booklet it is. The front is a handsome three color job that catches the eye of every child. It suggests stamp collecting, from which the child can get much in Art, Science, History, Geography, Color, Design, Knowledge and Amusement. These are the things that will hold the interest of the youth if started right, in one of these albums.

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THE DEFENSE ERRORS

by O. JOE OLSON

5307 Alder Dr. Mission, Kansas

The popular column about the U. S. Defense Errors, that has been presented in Linn's Weekly for the past five months, will be resumed and concluded soon, starting within a few weeks.

The writer, Joe Olson, 5307 Alder Drive, Mission, Kansas, former managing editor of the Ohio State University Alumni magazine for eight years, has made two requests of readers of Linn's Weekly.

Mr. Olson would like to hear from anyone who made an original find of the Defense errors or who shared in one. Additional information has come to light about smaller finds of the errors in some of the major cities in the nation, including Chicago and Detroit, and Mr. Olson would like to correspond with anyone knowing some of the facts about these discoveries.

Some of the interesting columns in the series to come include the following: "The 3c find in Berkeley, Calif., by Parker Haydon," "The 2c errors in Jackson, Mich.," "The elusive 2c blocks—Is it true they are scarcer than all others?" "The story about the complete sheets," "Collecting minor varieties," "Some of the finer collections of the Defense Errors," etc.

Mr. Olson also would like to hear from any and all readers of Linn's Weekly who would like to secure a copy of this series of articles in the event it is published in the form of a booklet or brochure.

Nashville Officers Installed At Banquet

A banquet preceded the installation of the newly elected officers of the Nashville, Tenn. Philatelic Society April 19. This was the highlight of a two day celebration which included an exhibition both of which were staged in the Andrew Jackson Hotel.

The officers are president John C. Carpenter; vice presidents Guy L. Collier and Walter Russell; secretary Charles S. Ladd; treasurer L. D. Stallcup.

Olean Exhibition At Public Library

April 26 is the date of the annual exhibition of the Olean, N. Y. Stamp Club in the Olean Public Library.

The club will have many displays of a popular nature with the intention of increasing collecting interest in the area.

Thomas R. Adams is the exhibition chairman. Only members will show their stamps.

Dealer ★ Doings

There is a new 1952 Price and Check List of United States stamps offered by Sylvester Colby, 505 Fifth Ave., New York 17, N. Y. which has a comprehensive presentation of material. Early stamps are offered in mint and used singles, then for the later items offerings are for mint and used singles, blocks, and plate blocks. Supplies are also offered.

Harvey Dolin & Co., 31 Park Row, New York, N. Y. has announced the purchase of the "C. E. Nickel" collection of early first day covers. These have now been cataloged and placed in stock. The firm will quote prices against want lists, the covers themselves being all clean, unaddressed items. Included are the Omahas, Lincolns, Airm and Parcel Posts.

His move to new offices has made it possible for Joseph M. Cannella, Room 905, 116 Nassau St., New York 38, N. Y. to increase his scope of service. To his former extensive stock of United States material is now added a good holding of foreign stamps which is worldwide in coverage. His United States List is sent to interested collectors without cost.

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purchase the necessary equipment to handle it.

Under the first contract which became operative on January 1, 1855, and which had the three operating as Majors, Russell & Co., each partner is said to have contributed in the neighborhood of \$20,000 which was a rather sizeable sum one hundred years ago.

Converting the cash into equipment of a first class nature the firm was then ready to embark on the supplying of all United States Army posts throughout the west, an exclusive contract which

it had gained from the government. But since such expanded facilities could not be handled at the Independence location the firm moved its headquarters and equipment for the northwest run up near Fort Leavenworth in Kansas. This run ended at Fort Laramie.

The headquarters and equipment for the Santa Fe run was moved a few miles farther out from its original location where a tremendous acreage was taken over. On it, were lush growths of grass for the oxen to eat when not on the trail.

Russell went to Leavenworth at this time in charge of the northwest freighting depot while Majors devoted himself to the Santa Fe run.

Scope of the enterprise can be pictured from a look at their holdings and their methods. At the peak of the business Russell, Majors & Waddell owned about 40,000 oxen and close to 4000 wagons. Seeing that the cattle were fed, even on the open range, and keeping that many wagons in repair required a small army of men in itself.

As mentioned previously, Majors earned his reputation because of efficient operation on a schedule, and for the safe delivery of practically all loads he carried. Shippers came to know that on certain days the firm would start trains to Santa Fe, Salt Lake or Denver or other places as the case might be, and that they could be reasonably sure that the goods would arrive on the day designated and that it would arrive in usable condition.

An outfit or train for crossing the plains generally consisted of 25 wagons carrying from three to three and one half tons each, and each wagon load protected under a securely lashed sheet of canvas ducking. Each wagon was drawn by twelve oxen, and the train was provided with 30 to 40 extra animals in case some of those drawing the wagons went lame or became useless otherwise. Also included were about a half dozen mules to be used for herding and riding.

The human contingent began with the wagonmaster, in full charge, and his assistants, the teamsters, a man to ride herd on the extra cattle, and three or four extras "just in case."

Oxen almost altogether were used in the trains because they were claimed to be more reliable on the long trips and because they foraged for their own food. With proper care, they could travel

2000 miles between April and November and still be sleek and saleable.

On the outbreak of the Mormon War in Utah, 1858, the firm won the contract to haul supplies to the United States troops sent to quell it. And here once again it ran into the difficulty of not having sufficient room for the added equipment, animals, facilities and men needed to operate the run out of the Leavenworth headquarters.

So a third branch of the firm was established at Nebraska City. It is of note that in one year's time 16 million pounds of government supplies were hauled to the troops from this station.

One other enterprise, the founding of which gained Russell, Majors and Waddell world wide fame but no profits, was the establishment of the Pony Express. It was operated by them as the Central Overland California & Pike's Peak Express Co.

Inaugural run of the Pony Express took place on April 3, 1860 from the eastern terminus at St. Joseph, Missouri with a run east from the California terminal on the same day. It was never a money-maker which caused the partners to relinquish its operation on July 1, 1861.

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ary 1952, the Legislatures of the colonies concerned, except those of British Guiana, British Honduras, and Barbados, had debated and endorsed their representatives' decision.

One of the recommendations of the Montego Bay Conference was that a Standing Closer Association Committee should be formed to consider the best way in which a federal structure might be set up. This Committee published a report in March 1950, and two of its suggestions have already been carried out.

A Regional Economic Committee for the area was established, and uniform currency introduced into Trinidad, Barbados, the Windward and Leeward Islands, and British Guiana. Proposals for a common Customs and commercial policy were still under consideration in 1952.

Thus, while not all of the British West Indian colonies have affirmed their support for full political federation, they are already acting as a group in a number of practical matters.

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| 347-107c Trans. Miss. .34 | 826-87c Parks .04 | 998-3c Yugos. .08 | | 925-120c Wilson .1.43 | 528-1c Brown S .80 |
| 348-108c Trans. Miss. .34 | 827-88c Parks .04 | 999-3c Yugos. .08 | | 926-121c Roosevelt .1.44 | 529-2c Carmine S .03 |
| 349-109c Trans. Miss. .34 | 828-89c Parks .04 | 1000-3c Yugos. .08 | | 927-122c Wilson .1.45 | 530-1c Violet S .06 |
| 350-110c Trans. Miss. .34 | 829-90c Parks .04 | | | 928-123c Roosevelt .1.46 | 531-2c Carmine S .1.60 |
| 351-111c Trans. Miss. .34 | 830-91c Parks .04 | | | 929-124c Wilson .1.47 | 532- |